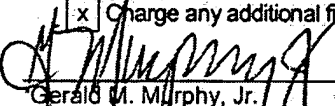


<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b>				Docket No. 1254-0301PUS1	
Application No. 10/561,834-Conf. #2986		Filing Date December 22, 2005		Examiner R. Mitra	
Art Unit 1656					
Applicant(s): Shigeru NAKANO					
Invention: GENE INVOLVED IN GROWTH-PROMOTING FUNCTION OF ACETIC ACID BACTERIA AND USES THEREOF					
<b>MS Amendment</b> Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	
<b>Total Claims</b>	11	- 20 =	0	x 50.00	0.00
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